

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

PERIODIC REPORTING
(PROPOSAL THIRTEEN)

Docket No. RM2015-7

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTIONS 1-3 OF CHAIRMAN'S
INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 4
(June 11, 2015)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 4, issued June 4, 2015. The questions are stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please refer to Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-12 of Chairman's Information Request No. 3, question 1c., which shows the in-receptacle and deviation package and accountable time proportions with scan time excluded. Please provide the SAS program which removed the scan time from deviation and parcel/accountable cost pools, along with the corresponding output and log files.¹

RESPONSE: -

The requested SAS program, log, and output files are included in USPS-RM2015-7/4. The SAS program in USPS-RM2015-7/4 removes the scan time and is a revised version of the corresponding one filed with USPS-RM2015-7/1. The additional SAS code is clearly identified with comments and begins on line 104 and ends on line 109 of the corresponding SAS log contained in USPS-RM2015-7/4. The resulting proportions in the output file equal those that were filed in the second column of the first table in response to question 1c of ChIR No 3 in this docket.

¹ Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-12 of Chairman's Information Request No. 3, March 27, 2015 (Responses to CHIR No. 3, question 1c.).

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2. Please refer to Responses to CHIR No. 3, question 1c., Table 9. Please provide revised versions of the following files based on the time pool proportions used to calculate cost pools in Table 9.
- a. I_FORMS_Proposal_13.xls,
 - b. CS06&7_Proposal_13.xls, and
 - c. Cost_Impacts_Proposal_13.xls.

RESPONSE:

a. - c. The directory in USPS-RM2015-7/4 corresponding to this question incorporates the revised in-receptacle_parcel and deviation_parcel /accountable proportions with scan time removed. The resulting revised cost pool proportions are incorporated in the cost model to produce new product costs under Proposal Thirteen. The three workbooks in USPS-RM2015-7/4 replace the corresponding ones filed with USPS-RM2015-7/1. Mechanically, the revised proportions are included in the **I-Forms**, tab **I-CS 6&7 Factors New**. The tab and the cells with the proportions from question 1 are shaded blue. The changes in **I-Forms** are linked to the **CS06&7** workbook, tab **Input LR new**. In the **CS06&7** workbook, the tab **Input LR new** is shaded blue and the cells with revised values are shaded green (the values equal the cells shaded green from **I-Forms**, tab **I-CS 6&7 Factors New**). The resulting changes to the product costs are reflected in the **Cost Impacts** workbook, tab **Letter Route Study Cost Impacts**.

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3. Please provide a date field for each observation in the following city carrier cost system files:
- a. USPS-FY14-NP22_CCCS, **cccs_z_acrfy14_final.sas7bdat**, filed in Docket No. ACR2014, and
 - b. USPS-FY13-NP22_CCCS, **cccs_z_acrfy13_final.sas7bdat**, filed in Docket No. ACR2013.

RESPONSE:

a. – b. Two SAS datasets are included with USPS-RM2015-7/4. Each SAS dataset contains two variables - **testid** and **testdate** for FY13 and FY14. These SAS datasets can be merged with **cccs_z_acrfy13_final.sas7bdat** and **cccs_z_acrfy14_final.sas7bdat** to link the CCCS **testid** with the corresponding date (**testdate**) the data were collected.